

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

One of the Moroccan rebel leaders has been captured.

Spanish warships are bombarding the position held by the Moors.

The Greek flag in Crete has been brought down by a shot from a foreign warship.

The row between Pinchot and Ballinger is likely to cause Pinchot's resignation.

A British battleship went ashore off the coast of England. It is hoped to save the vessel.

Heney has been nominated by the Democrats of San Francisco for prosecuting attorney.

Thirty-nine of Japan's leading business men have started for America for a tour of the United States.

Thaw has been returned to the insane asylum without special privileges. His mother will continue the fight.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad includes Bibles among the books furnished the library compartments of their trains.

Prohibitionists from all quarters of the country will celebrate in Chicago, September 22, the 40th anniversary of the founding of their party.

The standard of the G. A. R., carried in parades at national encampments for 20 years, has been missing since the parade at Salt Lake.

Harriman has started home apparently in good health and spirits.

A slight earthquake has been felt through Central Illinois and Iowa.

Reports from Paris say Spain is anxious to negotiate with the Moors.

The trial of the Japanese strikers on Hawaiian sugar plantations is nearing an end.

The Calhoun trial in San Francisco has been delayed by the illness of one of the attorneys.

Americans in Mexico are forming a military company for the protection of American residents.

The contract has been signed at Pekin admitting Americans to a share of the Chinese railway loan.

The proposed visit of Taft to Seattle has rent the Sound city. The question is whether the president shall play golf or see the fair.

The San Francisco primary election nominated William Crocker as mayor on the Republican ticket. Heney is behind his ticket for prosecuting attorney.

Bryan will visit the Seattle exposition during its closing week and the defeated candidate for presidential honors is expected to be quite a drawing card.

A great legal battle is on in the Federal courts at Portland for the existence of the Oregon Trunk railroad, the opposition to Harriman up the Deschutes into Central Oregon.

The recent heat wave at St. Louis has caused 37 deaths.

Excessive heat caused an epidemic of murder and suicide in Chicago.

Governor Hughes, of New York, has returned home full of praise for the Seattle fair.

Charles Dakin, a melter at the Denver mint, has been arrested, charged with stealing government gold.

The reported acquisition of the New York Central lines by Harriman would give him a second transcontinental route.

The provisional government of Crete has sworn allegiance to the king of Greece and the powers will have to step in and take charge.

The fire chief of Roswell, N. M., shot and killed a man accused of being an incendiary after he had been fatally wounded by his antagonist.

The Niagara Falls has claimed another victim, a young boy who was swimming in the river above the falls.

Mexican officials say there is no doubt but that congress will give President Diaz permission to cross the border into the United States to visit President Taft, who will later return the visit.

Corn is suffering in Nebraska from intense heat and lack of moisture.

The British house of commons has passed the South African confederation bill.

San Diego, Cal., police will arrest women appearing on the streets wearing kimono.

Mexican officials deny the report that Porfirio Diaz, son of the president, has been assassinated.

Seven men and three women were mangled by an explosion of natural gas at Cleveland, Ohio.

The reports that Abdul Hamid, ex-sultan of Turkey, is dangerously ill, are denied at Constantinople.

AIRSHIP EXPLODES.

Wellman Made Good Start, but Accidents Bring Failure.

Camp Wellman, Spitzbergen, Aug. 15 (via Hammerfest, Aug. 23).—Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail over the North Pole in a balloon has resulted in a failure. The giant dirigible balloon "America," in which Mr. Wellman and his party of three set out, proceeded about 32 miles from the starting point, when disaster overtook it.

After a long preparation and waiting for favorable weather, the opportunity came today, and Mr. Wellman decided to make the start. It was 10 o'clock in the morning when the great airship was brought out of its shed and the daring explorers took their places in the car.

When the anchors were cast loose, the airship ascended beautifully, the engines were set in motion and everything seemed to work to perfection. The big air craft was maneuvered for some time and answered the helm perfectly.

Then its head was turned northward, and it set out at a speed of 25 miles an hour. Suddenly, after having covered 32 miles, and when everything seemed to be going splendidly, the leather guide rope, to which was attached 1000 pounds of provisions and stores, broke away. The accident occurred just as the airship was nearing the pack ice of North Spitzbergen.

Released from this great weight, the airship shot upwards at a terrific pace, until it was a great height above the clouds. The pilots succeeded, however, in bringing her down near the earth, turning her about and set out to fight their way southward against a strong wind.

The airship proceeded slowly southward to the edge of the pack ice, where the steamer Fram was anchored. After much difficulty, a tow rope was gotten aboard the Fram, which started immediately to tow the airship to Spitzbergen.

The strain was so great, however, that it threatened to tear the car to which the rope was attached to pieces, and Mr. Wellman finally decided to bring the airship down to the surface of the water. This was effected without mishap and the car rested on the surface of the water until all the members of the crew, the dogs and the scientific instruments could be transferred aboard the Fram.

The America was then towed back to the landing stage, and within a short distance of where the start was made. But the ill-luck of the expedition was not yet at an end. Just as the airship had reached the landing stage and everything looked favorable for its rescue without serious damage, a sudden gust of wind caught the big bag broadside on, and snatched it away from its tow lines.

It was carried careening over rough ice hummocks for some distance and then it exploded. All the scattered parts of the airship were subsequently recovered, but the damage was so great as to preclude any further attempt to fly over the pole this year.

HENEY WILL ACCEPT.

Must Make Campaign, However, on Independent Ticket.

Newport, Or., Aug. 23.—Francis J. Heney furnished the Oregonian a written statement today, in which he figures out that, according to the recent Supreme Court decision in California, he cannot accept the nomination for prosecuting attorney on either the Democratic or Independence League tickets.

"The only way in which I can become a candidate is by petition signed by a certain number of voters who did not vote at the primary election, requesting that my name be placed on the ballot as an independent candidate," says Mr. Heney.

Mr. Heney has been nominated both by the Democrats and the Independence League, but California's new primary law forbids that a candidate accept nomination by two parties. Furthermore, a candidate must be named by the party with whom he announced his affiliation at the primaries. Mr. Heney is registered as a Republican.

Mr. Heney says he does not want the office of prosecuting attorney, but will, if nominated and elected, sacrifice his business interests for the public weal in order to continue the war against the grafters.

Fish Tows Boat 9 Miles.

Avalon, Cal., Aug. 23.—After a six-hour battle off Seal Rocks, C. C. Conn, a well-known yachtsman, landed a 110-pound tuna yesterday. Conn was the only successful one of scores of sportsmen who started as soon as the report got about that the tuna had reappeared. The big fighting fish towed Conn's launch nine miles before he could be brought to gaff. The sudden reappearance of tuna after an absence of five years is drawing large numbers of anglers to Catalina.

Carmen Reject Scale.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Following the lead of the North and West Side Streetcar Men's union, the members of the South Side organizations tonight voted to reject the wage scale agreement reached recently by their officers with the street railway officials. This throws the whole question open again and the 10,000 union men are in a more defiant mood than ever. President Mahon, of the national union, arrived today and is trying to prevent a strike.

General Booth May Go Blind.

London, Aug. 23.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, was operated upon today for septic poisoning of the eye. The doctors are not yet able to say whether the General's sight will be saved.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

COURSE TO BE IMPROVED.

Correspondence School Closes Second Year's Work.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The second year of the correspondence study department of the University of Oregon has just closed with an enrollment of more than 350 students. This is a material increase over the number enrolled last year, and there is hardly a county of the state not represented among the students.

In all respects the results of the work of the past year have been most satisfactory, and the plans for the coming year include expansion in all departments.

Dr. Herman Burr Leonard, of the department of mathematics, who has had a number of years' connection with correspondence schools in the East, and who has been very successful in his correspondence courses in mathematics at the university during the past two years, has been put in general charge of all correspondence work. He will be assisted in the office work by Miss Mazelle Hair, formerly an instructor in the department of English literature, and the work in the field will be in charge of Professor L. R. Alderman. Plans for the coming year include several courses each in the departments of mathematics, English literature, English composition, botany, history, education, economics, mechanical drawing and physics, and an enrollment of 500 students is expected. The correspondence study work will begin in September.

LAST MODOC BOND IS PAID.

Southern Oregon Resident Secures \$113.47.

Salem.—The state treasurer's office recently paid the last of the Modoc war bonds. The claimant was Charles Sherlock, a Southern Oregon man, and he drew from the state the tidy sum of \$113.47. The face value of the bond was \$75.90, interest coupons \$27.52, interest on bond \$10.05, making a total of \$113.47.

These bonds were issued under an act approved October 22, 1874. The bonds matured January 1, 1880, and interest ceased December 1, 1881. For many years there has been but one bond unredeemed and recently a friend of Sherlock noticed the statement of the bond issue in the annual report of the state treasurer, and lost no time in calling the attention of Sherlock to the fact that the state owed him money which it was willing and anxious to pay. Sherlock furnished undisputed proof of his right to the sum, which was accordingly paid him.

Country Developed by Road.

Corvallis.—As a result of the connecting of the Corvallis & Alsea railroad with the timber belt southwest of Monroe, heavy shipments of logs for the Corvallis sawmills are arriving daily by train. The line taps a forest area in which there are three billion feet of the finest standing timber. A site has been purchased in the suburbs of the city for an added sawmill of 150,000 feet capacity. The railroad is 25 miles in length and was built by H. C. Carver, \$3,000 having been contributed by the people of Corvallis and Benton county in aid of the undertaking. The line runs through a rich agricultural district and will transport large quantities of grain and other products. It connects Corvallis and Monroe.

New Factory for Salem.

Salem.—Steps have been taken towards the location at Salem of a clothing, glove and mitten factory. James H. and L. W. Gleason, Kansas men, were before the board of trade asking for a bonus and the commercial organization seems willing to meet the terms named. The promoters say they have machinery worth from \$3,500 to \$4,000 ready to install and sufficient capital with which to bring it west and set it up. They ask the business men of Salem to donate a site and a building 25 by 100 feet.

Rush Work on Road.

Baker City.—With a determination to reach Prairie City, in the John Day valley, by Thanksgiving day, the Sumpter Valley Railroad company is working about 300 men on the extension of 17 miles which runs over a mountain range. If the road reaches Prairie City so that trains run on Thanksgiving day, it is the intention of Baker's business men to send a large delegation into the John Day country on that date.

Pie Fruit is Plentiful.

Pendleton.—With huckleberries plentiful in the Blue mountains there is a more general exodus of local people to the hills than there was when the warm season was at its height. While the berries grow in nearly every part of the blue mountains and are said to be plentiful everywhere, Kamela, the highest point on the mountains touched by the railroad, has the reputation for having the greatest quantities and the largest berries.

Oil Well Down 470 Feet.

Astoria.—Excellent progress is being made in boring for oil at the Hess place, on Young's river, and a depth of 470 feet has been reached. A little over 400 feet down a strong flow of gas was struck and this still continues. This is considered a very satisfactory indication and the boring will be continued until 500 feet is reached, unless oil is struck before that time.

HUGE FARM PROFIT.

Gain is Ten Times Annual Rental for Willamette Valley Ranch.

Albany.—A. C. Armstrong, a farmer residing four miles northwest of Plainview and 10 miles southeast of Albany, will realize a profit of \$4,800 on 120 acres of vetch he threshed last week. Incidentally he will clear up about \$6,000 this year on a farm of 400 acres, for which he pays an annual rental of \$600. Some other Linn county farmers are doing almost as well, and farming in the Willamette valley is paying better this year than for many years.

Armstrong had 140 acres in vetch this year. He mowed 20 acres of it, and after storing his barns full of loose hay for his winter's supply had enough left over from the 20 acres to bale 20 tons, which is worth \$13 a ton. The vetch on the remaining 120 acres was threshed for seed by the threshing and cleaning of Parker Bros., and Armstrong had 70 tons of threshed and cleaned vetch seed from his 120 acres. This is worth four cents a pound in the present market and after Armstrong pays all expenses of threshing, cleaning, etc., he will realize a net profit of \$4,800 on the vetch seed alone, to say nothing of the vetch hay he baled.

In addition to his 140 acres in vetch, Armstrong has 200 acres in spring oats, which is in splendid condition and will doubtless return a big yield and give him an additional profit of several hundred dollars for the past year's work.

Hearing for Mount Hood Road.

Hood River.—The Mount Hood railroad had a hearing before the railroad commission here. Commissioners Aitchison and Campbell were present to take testimony. A general complaint of excessive freight charges had been filed. The Mount Hood railroad has been exempt from the power of the state railroad commission because the line is short. Since the extension of the line recently it will probably come under the supervision of the commission.

Land Used for 55 Years.

Cottage Grove.—Threshing has begun in full blast in the vicinity of Cottage Grove, the grain yields in some cases exceeding the expectations of the farmers. A field belonging to Felix Currin, four and one-half miles east of this place, that has been in crops successfully for 55 years, will yield 30 bushels to the acre in wheat of excellent quality. Other farmers expect about the same average.

American Mining Congress.

Salem.—Announcements of the next meeting of the American Mining congress have reached the executive office at Salem. Governor Benson will be privileged to appoint 10 delegates from this state to the congress, which meets at Goldfield, Nev., September 27, 28, 29 and 30 and October 1 and 2.

Hawley Returns Home.

Salem.—Congressman Willis C. Hawley, of the First district, has returned to his home at Salem. Mr. Hawley expressed pleasure at being able to return to his state after the long special session. He said he thought the time was well spent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 93c; club, 88c; Red Russian, 86c; valley, 89c; Turkey red, 88c; forty-fold, 89c; Barley—Feed, \$36 per ton; brewing, \$27.

Oats—\$28@29 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon \$17@18; mixed, \$15.50@16.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, \$11@13; cheat, \$13@14.50.

Grain bags—5c each. Butter—City creamery, extras, 31c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 27c@31c; store, 21c@22c. Butter fat prices average 1c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candied, 27c; 27c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; springs, 15c@16c per pound; roosters, 9c@10c; ducks, young, 12c@13c; geese, young, 10c@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, 1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11c@11c per pound. Veal—Extra, 9c@10c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$1.25 per box; pears, \$1.50@2; peaches, 75c@1.50 per crate; cantaloupes, \$1.75@2.50; plums, 35c@75c per box; watermelons, 1c@1c per pound; blackberries, 1c@1.75 per crate.

Potatoes—75c@81c per sack; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4c@5c per pound; cabbage, 1c@1c; cauliflower, 4c@1 per dozen; celery, 50c@1; corn, 15c@20c; cucumbers, 15c@20c; onions, 12c@15c; peas, 7c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per box.

Hops—1909 contracts, 21c per pound; 1908 crop, 14c@15c; 1907 crop, 11c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c@23c per pound; valley, 23c@25c; mohair, choice, 24c@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4.40; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4.40@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, \$3c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8.75; fair to good, \$8@8.50; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$6.75@7.

THIRTY BUSHEL WHEAT.

Montana Farmer Makes Success of Working Dry Land.

Caldwell, Mont., Aug. 20.—F. F. Irvine, member of the Montana board of control of the Fourth Dry Farming congress, and one of the successful dry land farmers of this vicinity, is now harvesting 40 acres of wheat, which he estimates will yield about 30 bushels an acre. This grain was planted in September on sod ground that had been plowed in May and June. Being the first crop from this ground Mr. Irvine regards his crop as unusually good. He says the field has been attracting attention and people have been coming in from miles around to see for themselves what can be accomplished by conscientious application of dry farming principles.

Mr. Irvine has informed Secretary John T. Burns, of the Dry Farming congress, that he will send a sample of this crop to Billings, Montana, for exhibition at the Fourth Dry Farming congress, which will meet at Billings, October 26-27-28 next.

WIND AGAINST WELLMAN.

Twice Prepares to Fly to North Pole, but Puts Back.

Hammerfest, Norway, Aug. 20.—A dispatch from Walter Wellman's Arctic expedition camp at Spitzbergen dated August 14 says:

"A north gale which had been blowing on the 5th dropped on the 12th, and Mr. Wellman made ready to start in search of the North Pole. The balloon was inflated and provisioned, and the motors were working smoothly. On the 13th the wind was still variable, but Mr. Wellman decided to get the airship out of the house."

"The officers and crew of the Thalia assisted in swinging the airship, which was of fine appearance, out of the shed. The wind, however, again freshened and at 6 o'clock in the morning Mr. Wellman ordered the airship back into the shed to wait for more propitious weather."

C. P. R. Discovers Fraud.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 20.—The legal department of the Canadian Pacific railway believes it has unearthed a huge conspiracy to mulct that and other corporations by means of false claims for damages for personal injury received in alleged accidents. The claimants are alleged to have a regular organization, with branches in Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver and other places, and to carry on a systematic scheme of fraud by means of false claims, false witnesses, etc. Three arrests have been made and others are promised.

Yokum is Optimistic.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 20.—B. F. Yokum, chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, who is making a tour of the West to observe the crop and general business conditions, said today: "I find business conditions are good and improvement general all along the line. Cotton is in good shape. In some sections it needs rain. The corn crop has been hurt in this state in some sections, but there will be more corn than last year by reason of the increased acreage."

Black Handshake Costly.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 20.—The executive board of the Freeman's Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church here has elected Rev. J. P. Deeking to be president of Rust university, at Holly Springs, Miss. The election was made necessary by the abrupt resignation of Dr. F. C. English, of Cincinnati, who said he had been threatened by a mob at Ethel, Miss., because he had shaken hands with a colored presiding elder.

Ocean Falls After Quake.

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—A delayed dispatch from Acapulco says three severe earthquake shocks were felt there Monday. The ocean dropped far below the normal and along the entire shore line of the port the beach was exposed for a distance of 30 feet. The shocks are believed to have been those registered at the Washington observatory. The people of Acapulco are still living in the open, not having ventured to return to their homes.

Quake Tale Exaggerated.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Passengers arriving from Mexican ports today on the Panama steamer Acapulco, the first vessel to bring news of the earthquake of July 29, 30 and 31, declare that the reports reaching this country by wire greatly overestimated the loss of life resulting from the disturbances. They declare that only two persons were killed outright at Acapulco, although hundreds had narrow escapes.

Moors Cut Wires Again.

Madrid, Aug. 20.—Advices received here from Penon de la Gomeria, on the coast of Morocco, says the Moors again have cut telegraph wires and isolated the Spanish garrison there. The bombardment at Penon de la Gomeria is constant and there have been many casualties among the Moors. The Kabylis are mobilizing near Alhucemas preparatory to marching on Melilla.

Wreck on Leper Island.

Honolulu, Aug. 20.—The steamer Nilahu went ashore early today on the coast of the Island of Molokai, and has been abandoned by her officers and crew. The vessel, which is of 600 tons burden, will probably prove a total loss. The steamer Claudine has gone to the scene of the wreck to attempt to float the Nilahu.

Ex-Shah Tries Murder.

Rome, Aug. 21.—According to a dispatch received here today from Teheran, the recent attempt of the young shah to commit suicide was really an attempt to assassinate the child by his father, the deposed ruler, who struck the boy with a poniard.

FLOODS IN COLORADO

Railway Tracks Washed Out and Train Service Suspended.

MANY TOURISTS ARE STRANDED

Water in Its Wild Fury Almost Up to Famous Bridge in Royal Gorge.—Pueblo Under Water.

Denver, Aug. 21.—Another cloudburst at Four-mile creek, near Canon City, last night made more disastrous the flood in the Arkansas river, which since dawn yesterday threatened the adjoining towns, washed out railroad tracks and tied up many tourist trains. The cloudburst was one of the heaviest in that section and soon the river, swollen by mountain torrents near Canon City, had risen eight feet six inches.

The trains of the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland railroads were blocked at many places and scores of tourists were delayed at Pueblo, Salida, Grand Junction and other points.

The magnificent Royal gorge, where the Arkansas river rushes through a canyon nearly 3,000 feet deep, was a scene of wild fury. The water had reached a level of the famous hanging bridge. Many of the nearby canyons were washed clear of tracks.

At Pueblo last night the water was splashing over the levee at the state asylum grounds, and with a six-inch rise the grounds of the asylum as well as a large portion of the residence portion nearby will be under water.

Officials of the Rio Grande state that 45 miles of their track between here and Salida, a distance of 100 miles, was washed out and that it will be at least a week before main line traffic can be resumed.

NEW GEYSER RISES.

Hurl's Immense Volume of Water in Yellowstone Park.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park, Wyo., Aug. 21.—For two or three days past there have been indications of an eruption of some kind near Fountain hotel, Yellowstone park. Yesterday a new geyser broke out in full force about 100 feet north of the regular Fountain geyser, near the hotel. Today this new geyser, which does not appear to affect any of the others in the vicinity, played to a height of 150 to 200 feet, throwing immense quantities of hot water and steam.

The new geyser does not play regularly, as does "Old Faithful," but at short intervals, eruptions occurring five or six hours apart and lasting about one hour. The crater of the new geyser is large and the quantity of water thrown similar to that of the great Fountain geyser, located some two miles south of the Fountain hotel, though the water from the new one is carried to a much greater height.

JAP STRIKERS ARE GUILTY.

Jury Finds Four Took Part in Conspiracy in Hawaii.

Honolulu, Aug. 21.—After being out six hours the jury in the case of the four Japanese strike leaders charged with criminal conspiracy brought in a verdict of guilty at 10:45 p.m. yesterday. The defendants, President Makino, of the Higher Wage association, the organization in charge of the Japanese laborers on the sugar plantations of the islands; Editor Soga, of the Japanese newspaper Jiji, and Assistant Editors Negoro and Tanaka, of the same paper, were arrested and charged with criminal conspiracy June 14, when officers with search warrants entered the offices of the Jiji and the Higher Wage association and found there evidence of what the authorities claimed to be a widespread move on the part of the Japanese strikers to take possession of the government of the territory.

Thirty Fall With Bridge.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Ten persons were injured seriously and 20 others had narrow escapes last night, when 250 feet of the 12th-street bridge over the river and viaduct collapsed. It was thought at first that several had been killed, but workmen digging in the ruins until late tonight had not found any bodies. The accident occurred just after a streetcar had run part way across the bridge and 30 passengers had alighted to walk over the dangerous portion to get another car. Construction work weakened the bridge.

City Sliding Into River.

Bombay, Aug. 21.—The fate of the prosperous Punjab city of Dera Ghazi Khan, with a population of 25,000, which for many years has been gradually slipping into the River Indus, is now regarded as definitely sealed. Nothing can be done to prevent the encroachment of the waters. From 50 to 100 feet of the river front is being swept away every day, and one by one, mosques, mansions and hovels are disappearing in the stream.

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